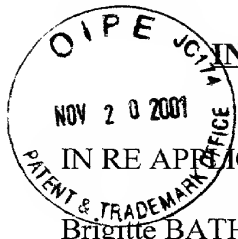


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

Brigitte BATHE, et al. :

SERIAL NO.: 09/919,835 :

FILED: AUGUST 2, 2001 :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed September 20, 2001, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace pages 1-52 of the original Specification with pages 1-52 of the attached  
substitute Specification.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at page 38-45 of the substitute  
Specification.

Please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing at page 52 (Abstract) of the  
substitute Specification, after the last line, beginning on a new page.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 37 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Specification to correct the page margins. The substitute Specification is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Specification.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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